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Table 1. End-of-Month Inventories and Related Statistics on Steel Mill Shapes
and Forms: 1998 and 1997
[Thousand short tons]

Month and year	Steel Service Centers inventories1/	Producing mills inventories		
		Total	Steel in process	Finished steel
1998				
April.....	7,667	13,200	7,500	5,700
March.....	7,435	13,400	7,600	5,800
February.....	7,473	13,300	7,500	5,800
January.....	7,319	13,300	7,500	5,800
1997				
December.....	7,271	13,200	7,400	5,800
November.....	7,192	13,100	7,300	5,800
October.....	7,206	12,800	7,200	5,600
September.....	7,226	12,800	7,200	5,600
August.....	7,196	12,900	7,300	5,600
July.....	7,201	12,900	7,400	5,500
June.....	7,224	12,900	7,400	5,500
May.....	7,172	13,100	7,500	5,600
April.....	7,172	12,900	7,300	5,600
March.....	7,068	12,800	7,300	5,500
February.....	7,034	12,800	7,300	5,500
January.....	6,929	12,800	7,300	5,500

^{1/}Source: Steel Service Center Institute.

Table 2. Net Shipments and Imports of Steel Mill Shapes:

1998 and 1997

[Thousand short tons]

	Manufacturers' net shipments 1/	Imports for consumption 2/
1998		
April.	9,270	(NA)
March.	9,447	2,353
February.	8,790	2,140
January.	9,084	2,211
1997		
Total.....	104,957	27,284
December	8,648	1,854
November.	8,467	2,052
October.	9,424	2,311
September	9,072	2,273
August.	8,668	2,142
July.	8,785	2,433
June.	8,968	2,316
May	8,768	2,520
April.	8,907	2,338
March	8,529	2,162
February	8,091	2,127
January	8,630	2,756

NA Not available.

1/ Source: American Iron and Steel Institute.

2/ Source: Bureau of the Census report IM 145, U.S. Imports for Consumption. Import tonnage is derived from the following HTSUSA import numbers: 7206.10.0000 - 7306.90.5000.